



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 278**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5234

*House of Representatives, April 3, 2007*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT BANNING PESTICIDE USE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-231b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) No person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory  
4 certification under section 22a-54 or a pesticide applicator with  
5 operational certification under section 22a-54 under the direct  
6 supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide  
7 within any building or on the grounds of any school, other than a  
8 regional vocational agriculture center. This section shall not apply in  
9 the case of an emergency application of pesticide to eliminate an  
10 immediate threat to human health where it is impractical to obtain the  
11 services of any such applicator provided such emergency application  
12 does not involve a restricted use pesticide, as defined in section 22a-47.

13 (b) No person shall apply a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of  
14 any public or private preschool or public or private [elementary]

15 school with students in grade eight or lower, except that (1) on and  
16 after January 1, 2006, until July 1, [2008] 2009, an application of a lawn  
17 care pesticide may be made at a public or private [elementary] school  
18 with students in grade eight or lower on the playing fields and  
19 playgrounds of such school pursuant to an integrated pest  
20 management plan, which plan (A) shall be consistent with the model  
21 pest control management plan developed by the Commissioner of  
22 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 22a-66*l*, and (B) may be  
23 developed by a local or regional board of education for all public  
24 schools under its control, and (2) an emergency application of a lawn  
25 care pesticide may be made to eliminate a threat to human health, as  
26 determined by the local health director, the Commissioner of Public  
27 Health, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or, in the case  
28 of a public [elementary] school, the school superintendent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	10-231b
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
All Municipalities	None	None	None

**Explanation**

The extension of the ban on the use of pesticides on school grounds results in no fiscal impact to local and regional school districts.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5234**

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**SUMMARY:**

Current law bars anyone from applying a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of public and private preschools and elementary schools, except that such an application can be made until July 1, 2008 (a) on playing fields and playgrounds according to an integrated pest management plan or (b) in health emergencies. The bill expands the ban to public and private schools with students through grade eight, and extends the exemptions for one year, to July 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 6 (03/19/2007)